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Dear FDA Commissioner,

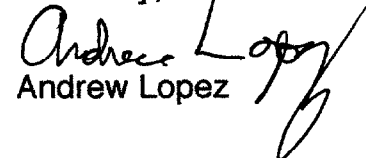
I am writing to express my opposition to the **FDA's** proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. All GE foods should be labeled so consumers are informed and have a choice. GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing. There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health **and the environment**.

I have already expressed this concern with my state's U.S. Senators. They have proven useless. They fail to recognize the importance of this issue. It seems to me that they believe the public is a lab full of rats which are fit for potentially dangerous testing by their corporate constituents. They will reap what they sow!

The United States should be ashamed of what is happening here, though it is nothing new. Every other industrialized country is having serious public debate on this same issue. We are the only one where GE foods have flooded the market in a covert fashion. The only fashion this corporate scam could have been made possible.

Peace to Jose Bove and his rugged squadron of **McDonalds** demolishing, GE corporate crop exterminators!

Sincerely,


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